THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Central Government have issued guidelines for promotion of communal harmony. It gives financial assistance to voluntary organisations for organising Programmes for promotions of communal harmony. It also share intelligence on the subject and provides support of paramilitary forces to the State Government in case of communal trouble.

(b) No.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected.

Surveillance in the East Cost of Tamil Nadu

1103. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether strict vigilance and surveillance in the East Coast of Tamil Nadu are continuing to guard against intrusion of terrorists from the nearby island country into India and smuggling of diesel, petrol, explosives, etc. out of the country; and

(b) how many intruders were apprehended and how many smuggling vehicles were captured during the months between January to September in the current year by the surveillance force in the East Coast of Tamil Nadu ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The information is being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Special Identity Cards to persons living in Border Areas

1104. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to issue Special identity Cards to persons of border areas in the North-East for their identification as of Indian Origin in view of illegal migration from Bangladesh;

(b) whether Government will also issue Identity Cards to persons residing in Kutch and border areas of Rajasthan where illegal migration from Pakistan is taking place; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) A pilot Scheme for issue of identity cards is under implementation in select border areas in the States of Rajasthan and Gujarat. The objectives of the Pilot Scheme are to register bonafide residents, collect reliable information regarding the status of the residents, and to check the movement of the visitors staying for over 30 days in the areas covered under the scheme. The Central assistance on the pattern of 90% grant and 10% loan is being provided to the States. Funds have been provided to the States of Assam, Mizoram, Tripura and West Bengal for issuing Identity Cards.

1105. श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) यह सच है कि पीपल्स यूनियन फार सिविल लिबर्टीज ने प्रस्तावित राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग को अधिक प्रभावी और सार्थक बनाने के लिए कुछ शर्तें सुझाई हैं :

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या सरकार ने उक्त आयोग द्वारा अभी से इन शर्तों को कार्यान्वित किए जाने के मुद्दे पर विचार किया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ।

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) से (ग) प्रस्तावित मानव अधिकार आयोग के लिए विधायन का प्रारूप तैयार करने के लिए केन्द्रीय गृह मंत्री की अध्यक्षता में संबंधित केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों और पांच मुख्य मंत्रियों की समिति द्वारा लिए गए निर्णय के अनुसरण में देश के विभिन्न भागों में अनेक विचार गोष्ठियां आयोजित की गई । इन विचार-विमर्शों के दौरान विभिन्न व्यक्तियों और ग्रुपों द्वारा अनेक सुझाव दिए गए और यहां तक कि प्रस्तावित आयोग के विभिन्न पहलुओं पर भी सुझाव दिए गए ; उपरोक्त समिति द्वारा अपनी सिफारिशों को अंतिम रूप देते समय इन पर विचार किया जायेगा ।

Privileges of Non-Tribals in Shillong

1106. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR : Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether permanent non-tribals in considerable number of non tribals living in Shillong whose forefathers came there more than 130 years ago when the British Government made Shillong the Capital of the than Assam, covering Assam Valley, Surma Valley and Hills of the region;

(b) whether, as permanent residents of Shillong, they are entitled to all the privileges and rights given to a citizen whatever may be their religion;

(c) if so, whether they are enjoying those rights; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) A considerable number of non-tribals are living in Shillong for many decades.

(b) to (d). The permanent non-tribal residents of Shillong enjoy privileges and rights as citizens of this country subject to restrictions imposed under provisions of Sixth Schedule to the Constitution.

Succession Certificates to the Non-Tribals in North Eastern States

1107. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether permanent non-tribals in North Eastern States are finding it difficult to get Succession Certificates for transfer of land or permission for sale or purchase of land in their home State in Meghalaya;

(b) whether the Autonomous District Council there is withholding permission in land matters for these permanent residents who have nowhere else to go now;

(c) if so, what is the number of such cases that are pending;

(d) whether these people are treated as minorities either as ethnic groups or as religious groups; and

(e) if so, whether they are given all the facilities given to the minorities, elsewhere ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) The State legislation governing transfer of land prohibits transfer of land from tribals to non-tribals. The Succession Certificates in the Meghalaya are issued by the Autonomous District Council Courts in case of land/property being passed on to legal heirs. Some reports have been received pertaining to red-tapism, etc. in producing such Certificate by non-tribals in Shillong.

(d) The non-tribals as such are not treated as ethnic or religious minorities in North Eastern States.

(e) Does not arise.

Pending cases for grant of Freedom Fighters Pension

1108. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of applications from Karnataka that are still pending for grant of Freedom Fighters' Pension; and